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On Sunday morning, at 10 o'clock, the Ministers and Lay-Delegates, assembled at the Parsonage, thence proceeded in procession to the Church, where, after Divine service had been introduced by the Pastor Loci, the Rev. John Wagenhals, Pastor J. J. Fast preached a sermon on John I, 44. in German, and Pastor J. Manning, on Luke XIV, 22. in the English language.

After these discourses, the Lord's supper was administered to the Ministers and Lay-Delegates, and then to the Congregation. At the same hour, Pastor C. Henkel preached in English, in the Presbyterian Church, on Acts XXIV, 25, and Pastor J. B. Reck, in the same language, in the Protestant Methodist Church, on Zach. XIII, 1, and Candidate Conrad, in the German Reformed Church, on Josh. XXIV. 15, in the German language. In the afternoon, at 2 o'clock, Pastor M. Steck, the President of the Synod, preached the Pastoral discourse, on 2 Tim. II, 15. In the evening, Candidate Riemenschneider preached on 1 Cor. XV, 21—23, in English; and Candidate Greenwald, in the Episcopal Methodist Church, in the same language.

On the Saturday preceding, in the afternoon, the Candidates H. Colloredo and E. Greenwald, delivered sermons preparatory to Holy communion; the first, from 1 Cor. XI, 28, in German, and the latter, from 1 Joh. I, 6, in English. In the evening of the same day, Candidate Walker, preached a German discourse on Matth. XXVI, 58.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SYNOD.

Monday, May 30, 1836,—9 o'clock, A. M.

The Ministers and Lay-Delegates, having assembled in the church, and the Session being opened by uniting in singing a hymn, and the

offering up of a prayer by Pastor Steck, the President, the names of the Ministers were called.

Ministers Present:

Pastor	J. Leist,	from	Tarlton,	Ohio.
"	M. J. Steck,	"	Greensburg,	Penn.
"	A. Henkel,	"	Germantown,	Ohio.
"	C. Henkel,	"	Somerset,	"
"	J. Wagenhals,	"	Lancaster,	"
"	J. J. Fast,	"	New Berlin	"
"	J. Manning,	"	Annapolis	"
Prof.	W. Schmidt,	"	Columbus,	"
Pastor	W. G. Kile,	"	Senecaville,	"
"	D. Rothacker,	"	Carrollton	"
"	J. Gruber,	"	Lewisburg,	"
"	D. Krantz,	"	Weinsburg,	"
"	S. S. Kline,	"	Delaware,	"
"	G. H. Riemenschneider,	"	New Market,	"
"	H. W. Lauer,	"	Cincinnati,	"
Candidate	E. Greenwald,	"	New Philadelphia	"
"	H. Colloredo,	"	Weinsburg,	"
"	A. Weil,	"	Washington,	Penn.
"	P. Pence,	"	St. Paris,	Ohio.
"	J. A. Roof,	"	Circleville,	"
"	A. Bartholomew,	"	Somerset,	"
"	A. A. Conrad,	"	McCutchenville	"
"	A. Kuhn,	"	Wooster,	"
"	F. W. Cortez,	"	Canton,	"
"	J. Reimenschneider,	"	New Market,	"
"	C. Spielmann,	"	Lancaster,	"
"	G. Walker,	"	Dover,	"
Catechet	G. Klapp,	"	Union,	"
"	J. Seidel,	"	New Bedford,	"
"	J. J. Brandstettner,	"	Sandusky,	"

Ministers Absent:

Pastor	J. Stauch,	without	excuse
"	H. Weigandt,	with	"
"	C. Espich,	"	"
"	H. Huet,	"	"

"	D. Schuh,	without excuse.
"	H. Heincke,	with "
"	S. Kemmerer,	without "
"	J. Mechling,	with "
"	L. G. Schweitzerbarth,	without "
"	H. Melsheimer,	" "
"	M. Kugler,	with "
"	F. A. Rise,	without "
Candidate	E. Rathbun,	with "
"	F. J. Ruth,	" "
"	C. F. Kunert,	" "
"	J. H. F. Jesting,	" "
"	G. Herder,	without "
"	H. Hoelsche,	" "
"	J. H. Tanke,	" "
"	J. C. Jehle,	" "
"	G. F. Winkler,	" "
"	F. A. Mœnch,	" "
"	C. F. Stohlmann,	" "
Catechet	F. A. Frankenberg,	with "
"	Franke,	without "

The following Lay-Representatives took their seats as members of the Synod.

P. Rau,	Representing	the	Congregations of	J. Leist,
L. J. Mœller,	"	"		C. Henkel,
J. Beck, Sen.	"	"		Wagenhals,
C. Heyl,	"	"	Prof.	Schmidt,
D. Tullis,	"	"		Kile,
G. Berg,	"	"		Rothacker,
J. Lock,	"	"		Gruber,
H. V. Dursten,	"	"		Krantz,
B. Ely,	"	"		Kline,
G. Shaeffer,	"	"		G. H. Riemenschneider,
S. Stauch,	"	"		E. Greenwald,
T. Moore,	"	"		Colloredo,
J. Folk,	"	"		Wile,
J. Becker,	"	"		Pence,
H. Glick,	"	"		Roof,
W. F. Mœller,	"	"		Bartholomew,
J. Drum,	"	"		Konrad,
D. Miller,	"	"		J. Riemenschneider,
S. Dreszler,	"	"		Spielmann,
P. Helmenreich,	"	"		Walker.

The Synod was, consequently, composed of 47 members.

The President having informed the Body, that the time for which the officers had been elected, which, according to the Constitution, is 3 years, had expired, the Synod proceeded to a new election of officers, and on counting the votes, the following result was declared:

Pastor M. J. Steck, *President*,
" J. Wagenhals, *Secretary*,
" C. Henkel, *Treasurer*.

Pastor J. B. Reck, member of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Maryland, Candidate Becker, member of the Ev. Luth. Synod of East Pennsylvania, and Pastor Wise, member of the German Reformed Synod of Ohio, were introduced, and received as advisory members of this Body.

On motion

I. *Resolved*, That Pastor Rehmann be again recognized a member of this Body, and his name be inserted in its minutes.

All communications, addressed to the Synod, were now received by the President, numbered, and distributed among the following eight committees, for examination and report:

First committee, Rev. Leist and Fast, and Messrs. Rau and L. J. Mœller.

Second committee, Rev. Schmidt and Krantz, and Messrs. Heyl and Drum.

Third committee. Rev. Greenwald and Colloredo, and Messrs. Berg and Tullis.

Fourth committee, Rev. Rothacker and Walker, and Messrs. Lock and Stauch.

Fifth committee, Rev. Gruber and Roof, and Messrs. Becker and Glick.

Sixth committee, Rev. Manning and Kile, and Messrs. W. F. Mœller and Folk.

Seventh committee, Rev. Kline and Pence, and Messrs. Ely and Schaeffer.

Eighth committee, Rev. A. Henkel and Bartholomew, and Messrs. Miller and Dreszler.

The day-books and sermons of the Candidates and Catechets, were then placed in the hands of the different Pastors, by the President, for perusal and report, and the forenoon session was closed with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Monday, Afternoon, 3 o'clock.

Opened with singing and prayer.

In compliance with the request of the Lay-Delegate, Mr. J. Folk,

II. *Resolved*, That he be permitted to withdraw from the Synod, at the close of the afternoon session.

Pastor Lauer having also applied for permission to withdraw,

III. *Resolved*, That for the reasons by him stated, his request be granted.

The First Committee reported as follows:

No. 1. is a letter from Pastor Weigandt, in which he requests to be

excused for his non-attendance at the Synod. He forwards his collection for the Treasury, and sends his parochial report. In the same letter he also sends several forms of petitions for transmission to the next Legislature of Ohio, in behalf of German schools.

On motion by the committee, the communications of Father Weigandt were read before the Synod, and

IV. *Resolved*, That Father Weigandt is excused for his non-attendance.

Also,

V. *Resolved*, That, whereas the Synod has been informed that a German Society is formed, who have resolved to circulate petitions, in a few weeks, to the General Assembly, for the promotion of German Schools, the Synod, in answer to Father Weigandt's request signify, that they do not deem a synodical resolution necessary, relative to these petitions; but hope the measure will be zealously promoted by the German inhabitants in general.

Session closed with prayer.

Pastor Krantz preached in the evening, on 1 Cor. IV, 20.

FORENOON SESSION.

TUESDAY, MAY 31, 1836.

Opened with singing and prayer.

Candidate Tanke arrived and took his seat.

No. 2. is a letter from Candidate Kunert, in which he states, that unavoidable circumstances made it impossible for him to attend the Synod, and requests to be excused. He sends his license for renewal, and a report of his parochial acts, and wishes the blessing of the Lord to attend the deliberations of the Synod.

VI. *Resolved*, That Mr. Kunert is excused; but that the renewal of his license be referred to the Ministerium.

No. 3 is a letter from Pastor Huet, in which he assigns the infirmities of his old age as the reason of his not attending the Synod, and requests to be excused. He also informs the Synod that he has placed several of his congregations under the pastoral care of Candidate Becker.

VII. *Resolved*, That Pastor Huet is excused.

No 4. is a communication from Rev. J. G. Morris, Secretary of the book-establishment of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, together with a number of the Lutheran Observer. Mr. Morris requests the Synod, (as far as they may deem expedient,) to recommend this establishment, (of which the necessary information may be obtained from the accompanying number of the Observer.)

The committee moved, that this letter, together with that portion in the Observer, which relates to this establishment, be read before the Synod.

This being done, the following preamble and resolution were adopted, to wit:

The Synod, always regarding it as an object of Joy, when by other Synods the kingdom of Jesus Christ is promoted, therefore rejoices to hear that there is an establishment erected in Baltimore for the promotion of Lutheran books; but that they do not feel themselves justifiable in recommending this establishment, until it and its publications shall have been further known: be it therefore

VIII. *Resolved*, That the recommending of this book-establishment, by this Synod, be postponed to its next Session; but that, until that time, nothing unfavorable shall be done against this institution; but rather that the circulation of profitable books in our Church, be promoted, whether they be derived from this or any other institution.

The question having been laid before the Synod, whether the Synod regard itself bound inviolably to adhere to the Augsburg confession of faith, and the symbolical books of the Lutheran Church, in every point of doctrine; and whether this Body enjoin it upon all its members, strictly to teach according to the aforesaid symbols,

IX. *Resolved*, That this Synod strictly adhere to the Augsburg confession of faith, and admit no one to membership in its Body, who shall deny any part thereof; and that all congregations within its Synodical boundaries, be advised to receive no one as teacher, who does not fully adhere to this confession.

Report of the Second Committee:

No. 5. is a letter from Father Espich, in which he requests to be excused for his not attending the Synod, and forwards his parochial report.

The committee having moved, that Father Espich should be excused, and that his letter should be read, in affectionate remembrance of him; he was excused, and his letter was read.

No. 6. is a communication from Pastor Kugler, in which he assigns ill health as the cause of his non-attendance. He sends his parochial report, and a collection for the Treasury.

Pastor Kugler was excused.

No. 7. is a communication from Candidate Ruth, in which, for strong reasons, he requests to be excused for his non-attendance. He sends his parochial report, and a collection for the Treasury.

Mr. Ruth also was excused.

No. 8. is a letter from Candidate Stohlman, from Erie, in Penn. in which this brother, in the estimation of your committee, states sufficient grounds to be excused for his non-attendance. He assigns the poverty of his congregations as the reason for not having sent a collection.—Accepted.

No. 9. is a communication from Mr. Rizer, from New-Albany, in Indiana, in which he excuses himself for not having attended our Synod, as a Delegate from the Synod of the West, which had convened in Louisville, Kentucky, last fall. Mr. Rizer also states, that the newly erected Synod of the West, will meet the first Sunday in October, 1836, in Boon county, Kentucky.

X. *Resolved*, That the Synod regret the non-attendance of Mr. Rizer; and that Pastor C. Henkel is appointed Delegate to the next session of the Synod of the West.

No. 10 is a communication from several members of a church-council, from a congregation in Whetstone township, Crawford county, in which they request the Synod to inform them, whether Father Stauch, as he has not attended the Synod since its session in Zanesville, is still a member of their Body; and whether Pastor Stauch is yet on favorable terms with the Synod.

XI. *Resolved*, That this congregation be informed by the Secretary, that Father Stauch is still a member of this Body; that the Synod in Zanesville did not impeach his character, nor that this Synod has any grounds to fault his conduct.

The session was closed with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

TUESDAY, Afternoon, 2 o'clock.

Opened with singing and prayer.

Report of the Third Committee:

Nos. 12—17. are letters of recommendation from Solomons congregation, in Tuscarawas county, from the congregation at White eyes, Crawford township, in Coshocton county, from the congregation at Killbuck and White woman, from the congregation at Douttys Fork, Holmes county, from the congregation at Millcreek, Coshocton county, and the congregation at Broad Run, Tuscarawas county, in which they express their satisfaction with the doctrine and conduct of Catechet J. Seidel, their teacher, and pray the Synod to direct him to continue his services among them; and wish the blessing of God to abide upon the deliberations of the Synod.

The Synod rejoiced at this favorable testimony.

No. 18 is a communication from Lexington congregation, in Lexington township, Stark county, in which the members of this congregation inform the Ministerium, that they have chosen Mr. John Christian Jehle as their minister, hoping that the Ministerium will approve their choice, and establish Mr. Jehle as their minister. They further state, that it is not in their power to send a collection for the synodical treasury, as the support of their minister demands their means too extensively. They close by wishing the blessing of God to rest upon the Synod.

XII. *Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and Mr. Jehle be established their preacher; but that the Synod, at the same time, regret, that the members of said congregation made no collection for the treasury, it being the duty of every congregation, to the best of their abilities, to co-operate in the promotion of so sacred and exalted a cause, the promulgation of the light of the gospel.

No. 19. is a communication from the elders and deacons of Rollers church, in Columbiana county, and of Johns, and Solomons, and Newtons congregations, in Trumbull county, in which they state to the Synod, that they have chosen Mr. Frederic Christian Becker, formerly member of the Eas. Penn. Synod, as their minister. They also state their satisfaction with the doctrine and walk of Mr. Becker, and pray the Synod to establish him as minister among them.

XIII. *Resolved*, That the prayer of these petitioners shall be granted, when Mr. Becker shall have satisfied the Ministerium, in a colloquium, according to rule, relative to his doctrinal views.

No. 20. is a missionary report of Candidate A. A. Conrad, in which he states, that according to the resolution passed by the Western District of the Synod of Ohio, in Tarlton, 1835, he visited Sandusky, and there erected seven new congregations, who comprise 169 communicants; and after completing this work, traveled 14 days in Seneca, Sandusky, Wood, and Hancock counties, and says there is much to be done in those neigh-

borhoods—"the harvest being truly great, and the laborers few"—He adds, that he would wish personally to address the Synod on this subject; and remarks, that in total, he traveled 30 days, organized 7 congregations, baptized 33 children, and collected, on this journey, in those newly erected congregations, 11 dollars, 38 1-4 cents, and preached 17 times.

The Synod rejoiced at the unwearied zeal of Mr. Conrad in the cause of the Lord; and after hearing a moving description of the destitute condition of the congregations in the Sandusky country,

XIV. *Resolved*, That the destitute congregations in said country, be remembered when the missionary appointments shall be made.

Nos. 21—26. are communications from Seneca county, Seneca township—Seneca county, Loudon township—Seneca county, Venice township—Tiffin—McCutchenville—Sandusky county, Vernon township: All these communications evince the highest degree of satisfaction with the doctrine and conduct of Candidate A. A. Conrad, and pray the Synod for his longer continuance as minister among them.

These communications also were joyfully received, and the Synod cheerfully granted the request of these congregations.

Nos. 27. 28. 29. are petitions from the congregation in New Washington, from the congregation in Whetstone township, Crawford county, and from the congregation in Vernon township, Richland county, praying the Synod to regard their destitute condition, and to supply them with a minister.

XV. *Resolved*, That if during the session of the Synod, no minister shall express a willingness, to take charge of these congregations, they shall be remembered when the missionary appointments shall be made.

Report of the Fourth Committee:

Nos. 30 and 31. are letters of approbation from the members of the church-council of the congregation of Johns church, in Lexington township, and Peters church, in Marlburrough township, Stark county, relative to Candidate J. C. Jehle, in which they inform the Synod that they have chosen Mr. Jehle as their minister, and request the Synod to recognize their election.

XVI. *Resolved*, That the petitions of these congregations are granted.

No. 32. is a letter of approbation from a number of members of the council of a congregation at Wapakanata in Allen county, and St. Jacobs, in Shelby county, with their signatures, in which they evince to the Synod, their entire satisfaction with the doctrine and conduct of their minister, Mr. Ferdinand Jesting, and express their wish to continue him as their minister.

The contents of this communication were joyfully heard, and the prayer of the petitioners was cheerfully granted.

No. 33. is a letter of approbation from the members of the church-council of Jerusalems church, in Morgan county, of Amity church, in Muskingum county, and Libanons church, in Perry county, evincing their satisfaction with the conduct and preaching of Mr. Amos Bartholomew, their minister, praying at the same time, that the Synod might permit him to continue among them.

The petition of these congregations was cheerfully granted by the Synod.

Report of the Fifth Committee:

No. 34. is a letter of approbation from 3 congregations of Candidate Roof, Circleville—Walnut creek—Cherry run.

Nos. 35—37. are letters of approbation from the congregations of Candidate Kuhn, in Wayne county.

No. 38. is a letter of approbation from 2 congregations of Candidate Wile, in Washington county.

No. 39. is a letter of approbation from the congregations of Candidate Pence, in Champaign county.

Nos. 40—45. are letters of approbation from the congregations of Candidate Spielmann, in Fairfield and Hocking counties, and

Nos. 46. 47. are letters of approbation from the congregations of Candidate Walker, in Tuscarawas county.

The unabated zeal and fervor with which, the Synod learned from the above communications, these brethren were laboring in their respective congregations, proved to her an object of sincere rejoicing, as she delights in nothing so heartily as to see her members earnestly pressing forward in the truth.

No. 48. is a communication from Zions and Friedens congregations, in Highland county.

The committee moved that this communication should be read before the Synod. When this was done,

XVII. *Resolved*, That further deliberations be postponed on this subject, until the eighth committee shall have reported.

Report of the Sixth Committee:

No. 49. is a letter from Friedens congregation, in Highland county, the contents of which the committee wished to read before the Synod. After this communication was read, the following motion was made and accepted:

Relative to the request of several church members in Highland county, respecting the publication of sermons by the Synod,

XVIII. *Resolved*, That if any minister be disposed to write sermons, and to lay them before the Synod for examination, the Synod will acceed, if deemed expedient, to recommend them, and if practicable, to promote their publication.

The session was closed with prayer.

In the evening Pastor A. Henkel preached a sermon in the English language, on Eph. I. 3.

FORENOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 1836.

Opened with singing and prayer.

The Report of the Sixth Committee continued:

No. 50. is a petition signed by 2 persons in the name of several congregations in Highland county, in which they invite the Western District of the Synod, to hold its next session in Hillsburrough in said county, from a view that the session of such a Body, in that neighborhood, would have a salutary influence upon the inhabitants.

Deferred to the time when the place for the next session of the Western District Synod, shall be appointed.

No. 51. is a communication, signed by 15 persons, in Knox county, in

which they request the Synod to send them a minister, as by his assistance the kingdom of Christ might greatly be built up in their neighborhood.

XIX. *Resolved*, That Messrs. Ruth, Kline, and Reck, (provided the latter be admitted a member of this Body,) each visit this neighborhood once within the present year.

No. 52. is a petition signed by the church-council of Susanna church, in the Glades, in Alleghany county, in the State of Maryland, in which they request the Synod to appoint Candidate Wile their preacher.

XX. *Resolved*, That Mr. Wile visit said congregations as often within the present year as possible.

Report of the Seventh Committee:

No. 53. is a communication from a congregation in Millersburg, Holmes county, in which they pray, that, as Candidate Colloredo has left them, Mr. Reck might be appointed to serve them for the future. They likewise state, that a certain Mr. Baake, who, so far as they know, does not belong to any Synod, proposed to serve them; but that they are not disposed to receive the services of a man of his description.

XXI. *Resolved*, That Mr. Reck, (provided he be admitted a member of this Body,) be permitted to serve these congregations; and that the Synod highly recommend the conduct of said congregations towards such characters, who, in consequence of their immoral conduct, cannot be received into any orderly Body, and at the same time, commend their conduct as an example to other congregations.

Nos. 54 and 55. are letters of approbation from the congregations of Catechet Klapp in Clark and Montgomery counties. They also request a promotion of Mr. Klapp in his calling, and wish the blessing of God to attend the transactions of the Synod.

XXII *Resolved*, That the promotion of Mr. Klapp in the ministry, be referred to the Ministerium.

The Synod at the same time, expressed their satisfaction with the good testimonials furnished by the congregations of Mr. Klapp.

The President submitted a letter, which he had just received from Pastor Heinecke, to a committee, consisting of Messrs. Leist, Schmidt, and Heyl, for perusal and report.

Closed with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, Afternoon, 2 o'clock.

Report of the Eighth Committee,

To whom the minutes of the proceedings of the different sister Synods, were submitted for perusal.

The committee reported, that they did not find any thing in those proceedings, referring to our Body, except that contained in the proceedings of the Rev. Reformed Synod of Pennsylvania, and adjacent States, held in Orwigsburg, in Penn. the 6th of September, 1835, to wit:

This Synod recognizes the Messrs. G. and J. Riemenschneider, as members of their Body, and express their surprise why these brethren passed the communication of the Synod to them, in silence.

XXIII. *Resolved*, That the Messrs. G. and J. Riemenschneider forthwith acquaint the Rev. Reformed Synod of Penn. with the reason why they withdrew from their connexion.

XXIV. *Resolved*, That we thankfully receive the minutes of the proceedings of the several Synods, and that we reciprocate their friendly feelings, by sending them the proceedings of our Synod.

Whereas the Rev. Reformed Synod of Ohio, in Tarlton, 1835, had resolved to send each Body, corresponding with them, 12 copies of their proceedings; but as the Synod of Ohio did not receive any copies, the intended number having probably been miscarried,

XXV. *Resolved*, That a portion of the minutes of the proceedings of our Synod, be sent to the Rev. Reformed Synod.

XXVI. *Resolved*, That this Synod commend to those members of her Body, who may be so disposed, to compose a book of confirmation, and to lay the same before the next Synod for examination.

XXVII. Resolved, That this Synod take the expediency of the organization of an English Lutheran Synod, within the boundaries of the Ohio Synod, into consideration.

XXVIII. Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draft a constitution for an English Lutheran Synod, and to lay it before the Synod for examination, on to-morrow forenoon.

The committee consisted of Messrs. C. Henkel, Manning, and Greenwald.

Rev. Becker preached in the evening on James V, 16, in the German language.

FORENOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 1836.

Opened with singing and prayer.

The committee to whom the letter of Pastor Heinecke was submitted for perusal, returned it to the Synod without report, and moved that it should be publicly read. This being done, it was

XXIX. *Resolved*, That Pastor Heinecke be appointed to give the views of the Ev. Lutheran Church on Holy Baptism, in a short treatise, and to lay the same before the next Western District Synod of the Synod of Ohio, that this treatise, provided it be approved, may be annexed to the proceedings of said Synod.

The President appointed a committee to examine the minutes of the proceedings of the Eastern and Western District Synods, and to report on them.

The committee consisted of Messrs. Fast, Roof, Berg, and Rau.

Another committee was appointed to examine the synodical treasury, and to receive the collections.—It consisted of Messrs. Bartholomew, Heyl, Kile, and Tullis.

A third committee was appointed to examine the papers of Catechet Frankenberg, which had just arrived.

On this committee were Messrs. Pence, Konrad, and Lock.

Candidate Greenwald laid before the Synod, in the name of the committee appointed the day before, the following report for the drafting of a constitution for an English Lutheran Synod:

1. We adopt the old Constitution of the Ohio Synod with the following alterations, viz:

In the 1st chapter instead of the "*German* Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium," &c. read, the "*English* Evangelical Lutheran Ministerium," &c.

In chap 4, sec. 5, instead of "*German* papers," read, "*public* papers."

In chap. 6, sec. 13, that the words "and each lay-delegate must provide for his own board and lodging at the place of Convention," be stricken out.

In chap. 6, sec. 16, instead of "commencing at 9 o'clock in the morning and continue till 1 o'clock P. M. and commence at 3 o'clock P. M." &c. read, "commencing at 8 o'clock A. M. and continue till 12 M and commence again at 2 P. M." &c.

In chap. 9, sec. 3, instead of "*german* schools" read, "necessary schools."

2. We also adopt the following supplementary articles, viz.

(*a.*) It shall be the duty of this body to maintain an intimate union with the German Synod and co-operate with the same as far as practicable in all matters pertaining to the welfare of each.

(*b.*) It shall be the duty of this body to send annually a delegate to attend the session of the German Synod, and it is requested that the German Synod will reciprocate the same, as such a delegate from the German Synod will not only be honorably and affectionately received, but regarded as necessary to promote and continue the intimate union alluded to in article first.

(*c.*) It shall be the duty of this Synod to communicate annually a correct copy of all the proceedings of this body to the German Synod.

(*d.*) It shall be the duty of this Synod to transmit annually one half of the monies paid into the Synodical Treasury for the use of the Theological Seminary at Columbus, and in all other ways co-operate in promoting its prosperity.

(*e.*) The Augsburg confession of faith shall be the unalterable Symbol of the doctrines of this Synod, and all the members of this Synod shall *ex animo* profess adherence to all its articles, complete and entire without any reservation.

Respectfully submitted

CHARLES HENKEL,
JAMES MANNING,
E. GREENWALD.

XXX. *Resolved*, That this subject be more particularly dwelt upon in the afternoon.

The committee to whom was referred the perusal of the minutes of the proceedings of the Eastern and Western District Synods, reported as follows:

The proceedings of these District Synods contain nothing that would particularly demand a report, except the following:

a. At a session of the Eastern District, in 1834, a resolution was passed, that a new edition of the life of Dr. Martin Luther, as furnished by Mathesius, should be printed, and that the profits of the sales of the work, should be applied for the benefit of the missionary cause in the Ev. Lutheran church.

The committee moved, that the Synod approve of this undertaking; but, at the same time, regretted, that the work did not appear.

Accepted.

b. The same District, had also made it the duty of its respective Presidents, to lay before the Synodical Body, at each of its sessions, an annual report of their official acts, and of the state of the church in general, in the District.

XXXI. *Resolved*, That the President, for the future, lay before the Synod, at the opening of its sessions, a written report of every important occurrence, in the Synodical District that may take place during the interval; and that it be the duty of every member of the Synod, to inform the President, from time to time, of the different changes which may occur, together with all other events of importance, pertaining to the church.

Candidate Greenwald, having reminded the Synod, relative to the resolution which had been passed by the Eastern District Synod, at its last session, in New Lisbon, that a committee should be appointed to draft a Constitution for an education society, to be formed at the meeting of the Synod of Ohio; stated, that the committee appointed for that purpose, after maturely considering the subject, were now prepared to report.

The report being read, it was

XXXII. *Resolved*, That the subject be referred to the afternoon.

By request, Messrs. Ely, Stauch, and Dreszler were privileged to withdraw from the session.

Closed with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, Afternoon, 2 o'clock.

Opened with singing and prayer.

XXXIII. *Resolved*, That it be recommended to the church-councils of every congregational district, to meet once a year, at the time announced by the minister, mutually to consider the concerns of their congregations, and consult their general interest.

After the constitution of the English Lutheran Synod had again been read, and various observations made on the importance of the subject, the following additions were moved and adopted:

"That this Synod does not recognize any Minister of any Synod, as a member of this Body, who denies that the doctrinal articles of the Augsburg confession of faith are the fundamental doctrines of the Lutheran church."

"It shall be the duty of this Synod to continue in the connexion aforesaid, of the German Synod, and without the concurrence of this Synod, not to unite with any other out of the district of the said German Synod of Ohio.

XXXIV. *Resolved*, That the Synod approve this constitution, and herewith grant permission and authority *to organize an English Lutheran Synod of Ohio*, within the boundaries of the German Lutheran Synod of Ohio.

For this resolution the following members voted, viz:

Pastors Leist, Steck, A. Henkel, C. Henkel, Wagenhals, Fast, Manning, Schmidt, Kile, Rothacker, Gruber, Krantz, Kline, G. H. Riemenschneider; Candidates Greenwald, Wile, Pence, Roof, Bartholomew, Conrad, Kuhn, Cortez, J. Riemenschneider, Spielmann, Walker, Tanke; Lay-Delegates Rau, Heyl, Berg, Lock, Schaeffer, Becker, Glick, Drum, and Miller.

Against this resolution, voted

Lay-Delegate D. Tullis.

The remaining members were absent.

The reading of the constitution of the education society, was then resumed, and

XXXV. *Resolved*, That the Synod approve this constitution.

XXXVI. *Resolved*, That an effort be made, without delay, to organize an education society.

See the appendix.

The session was closed with prayer.

Pastor Rothacker preached in the evening, on Isa. XLI, 17. 18. in the English language.

FORENOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 1836.

Opened with singing and prayer.

The committee to whom the papers of Catechet Frankenberg, were referred, reported as follows:

One of these communications is a letter of approbation from one of Mr. Frankenberg's congregations in Taylorsville; and the other is a letter from himself, in which he prays for the renewal of his licence, and wishes God's blessing upon the Synod.

Relative to the first communication, the Synod received it with pleasure, and the second was referred to the Ministerium.

The same committee also stated, that one of the papers referred to them, was a letter of approbation from several congregations in Sandusky

county, in which they express their satisfaction with the ministry and conduct of Catechet Brandstettner.

The Synod received this report also with pleasure.

A letter was then read from Candidate Rathbun, in which he states substantial reasons for not having attended the Synod, and requests to be excused.—Excused.

Mr. Rathbun likewise interrogated the Synod, whether his ordination might not be performed at the session of the Eastern District Synod.—Referred to the Ministerium.

The session was closed with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, Afternoon, 3 o'clock.

Opened with singing and prayer.

XXXVII. *Resolved*, That 250 dollars be paid out of the money now in the Synodical Treasury, to the Treasurer of our Seminary in Columbus.

XXXVIII. *Resolved*, That Mr. Brandstettner receive 15 dollars, out of the Treasury, for his missionary services in Sandusky.

XXXIX. *Resolved*, That Candidate Conrad travel 6 weeks as missionary, in the present year, in Seneca, Sandusky, Wood, Henry, Allen, and Hancock counties, and that, for these services, he be paid 30 dollars —the one half in advance.

XL. *Resolved*, That Pastor Krantz travel one month in the States of Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan Territory.

The election for 4 directors of the Theological Seminary of the Evan. Lutheran Synod of Ohio, whose term of service is to continue 6 years, resulted as follows:

Ministers:—Pastor H. HEINECKE, Pastor E. GREENWALD.

Lay-Members:—Mr. JOHN LEIST, Mr. M. NIGH.

XLI. *Resolved*, That 2000 copies of the minutes of the proceedings of this session,—1200 in German, and 800 in English, be printed.

XLII. *Resolved*, That the Synod of Ohio meet again on Trinity Festival, A. D. 1839; and that it be the privilege of the District Synods to perform the solemn rite of ordination at their respective sessions.

The election for the place of the next Session of the Synod of Ohio, after 3 years, was then attended to by ballot; and on counting the votes, St. Pauls church, in Columbus, Ohio, was found to be the place.

The Synod of the Eastern District, will meet on the 3d Sunday in October, 1837, in Carrollton, Carroll county, Ohio; and the Western District, on Trinity Festival, 1837, in Germantown, Montgomery county, Ohio.

Pastor A. Henkel was appointed Delegate to the session of the English Lutheran Synod of Ohio, in Somerset, Ohio, on the 2d Sunday in November, A. D. 1836.

The committee to whom was referred the examination of the state of the Synodical Treasury, reported,

That, after examining the account of the Treasurer, they found a balance in the Treasury, of $12 58 3-4

The Synodical Session was then closed with singing and prayer; and the President dismissed the Lay-Delegates with the blessing of the Lord.

Pastor Kline preached a German discourse in the evening; after which, in the name of the Synod, he tendered the thanks of the Body, to the congregation for the kind and hospitable services they had rendered the members, during their Session.

List of the parochial reports, made by the members of the Synod.

		Cong.	Bap.	Con.	Com.	Fun.
H. Weigandt	"	"	100	"	515	12
C. Espich	"	"	22	"	68	"
J. Leist	"	6	135	14	408	20
H. Huet	"	"	122	"	637	32
M. J. Steck	"	7	197	70	1400	25
A. Henkel	1834	5	105	36	636	19
	1835	5	115	28	623	21
	1836	5	110	31	638	22
C. Henkel	"	6	116	96	1058	27
H. Heinecke	"	5	55	12	508	30
J. Mechling	"	"	50	24	417	9
J. Wagenhals	"	4	96	65	719	13
J. J. Fast	"	"	39	22	272	14
J. Manning	"	5	51	"	196	7
Prof. Schmidt	"	3	70	42	510	9
W. G. Kile	"	5	33	20	380	2
D. Rothacker	"	7	44	31	455	6
J. Gruber	"	8	93	23	597	8
W. Kugler	"	6	22	10	213	4
D. Krantz	"	1	13	5	103	1
S. S. Kline	"	5	70	44	412	"
H. W. Lauer	"	1	39	19	620	15
F. J. Ruth	"	5	26	28	200	6
E. Greenwald	"	8	58	57	520	20
C. F. Kunert	"	"	28	16	189	5
H. Colloredo	"	4	59	40	334	11
A. Wile	"	2	20	"	189	4
P. Pence	"	5	32	25	387	5
J. A. Roof	"	3	23	4	144	8
A. Bartholomew	"	4	23	5	145	2
A. A. Conrad	"	8	104	12	336	4
A. Kuhn	"	3	"	"	"	4
F. W. Cortez	"	4	55	24	373	5
J. H. Tanke	"	3	51	20	144	"
J. Reimenshneider	"	2	50	"	200	8
C. Spielmann	"	8	53	60	361	6
G. Welker	"	2	10	8	170	"

C. F. Stohlmann	"	"	10	"	52	"
J. B. Reck	"	4	8	"	150	14
G. Klapp	"	1	11	"	"	"
J. Seidel	"	6	38	"	"	18
J. J. Brandstettner	"	7	51	"	"	1

Total sum of this report, is 163 congregations; 2413 baptized; 891 confirmed; 15288 communicants, and 417 burials.

List of those who paid collections into the Treasury.

			$	cts.
C. Weigandt	"	"	17	50
J. Leist	"	"	20	25
C. Huet	"	"	8	50
M. J. Steck	"	"	41	20
A. Henkel A. D. 1835	"	"	7	50
A. D. 1836	"	"	25	00
C. Henkel	"	"	23	50
J. Mechling	"	"	20	00
J. Wagenhals	"	"	30	00
J. J. Fast	"	"	22	71
J. Manning	"	"	14	00
W. Schmidt	"	"	36	30
W. G. Kile	"	"	10	00
D. Rothacker	"	"	25	12½
J. Gruber A. D. 1835	"	"	10	37½
A. D. 1836	"	"	27	00
S. S. Kline	"	"	8	00
H. Melsheimer	"	"	11	62½
M. Kugler	"	"	7	00
H. W. Lauer	"	"	25	00
F. J. Ruth	"	"	4	00
E. Greenwald	"	"	25	00
H. Colloredo	"	"	1	00
A. Wile	"	"	3	75
J. H. F. Jesting	"	"	1	00
J. A. Roof	"	"	13	00
A. Bartholomew	"	"	14	00
A. A. Conrad	"	"	16	31¼
A. Kuhn	"	"	4	75
F. W. Cortez	"	"	14	05
J. H. Tanke	"	"	8	00
J. Riemenschneider	"	"	2	00
C. Spielmann	"	"	20	00

J. B. Reck	"	"	3 62½
F. C. Becker	"	"	4 10
J. Seidel	"	"	7 10
J. Brandstettner	"	"	6 50
		Total	$533 77½

Mr. Pence paid 10 dollars to the Treasurer, at the session of the Western District Synod, held at Tarlton, Ohio, in the past year; but the amount by him thus paid, was accidentally omitted in the minutes of that Synod.

Proceedings of the Ministerium.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, Afternoon, 1 o'clock.

The President appointed Pastors Leist, Krantz, Schmidt, and Wagenhals, to examine Candidate Colloredo, and to hold a colloquium with Mr. F. C. Becker, in the German language.

He likewise appointed Pastors C. Henkel, Manning, and Fast, to examine Candidate Greenwald, and to hold a colloquium with Pastor J. B. Reck, in the English language.

Likewise—the Pastors A. Henkel, Kline, G. H. Riemenschneider, and Rothacker, to examine the Catechets Klapp and Seidel.

FRIDAY, Forenoon, 8 o'clock.

The first committee, appointed to examine, gave in a favorable report of the abilities of Messrs. Colloredo and Becker; and the second, equally favorable of Messrs Greenwald and Reck.

I. *Resolved*, That Messrs. Colloredo and Greenwald be this day ordained; and Messrs. Reck and Becker be admitted members of the Ministerium.

The third committee, appointed to examine, reported that they examined the Catechets Klapp and Seidel, and satisfied with their qualifications, recommended them to be admitted into the Ministerium as Candidates for the ministry.

II. *Resolved*, That this report be accepted, and that the officers of the Ministerium be requested to furnish them Candidate licenses.

At 11 o'clock, A. M. Professor Schmidt preached a German discourse, on 2 Tim. II. 15, after which followed the ordination of the aforesaid brethren, by the officers of the Ministerium; as also the licensure of the Candidates, after their respective duties had been read to them by the President.

Friday evening, 8 o'clock.

III. *Resolved*, That the licenses of the following Candidates be renewed, viz. Messrs. Rathbun, Wile, Pence, Roof, Bartholomew, Conrad, Kuhn, Cortez, J. Riemenschneider, Spielmann, Walker, Tanke, Jesting, Ruth, Kunert, Herder, Hœlsche, Jehle, Winkler, Minnich, and Stohlman.

IV. *Resolved*, That the licenses of the Catechets Franke and Frankenberg also be renewed.

V. *Resolved*, That the officers of the Ministerium, examine Catechet Brandstettner, and if by them, deemed expedient, furnish him with Candidate license.

There being no further business before the Ministerium, the Session was closed with prayer, and adjourned.

The above are correct minutes of the Proceedings of the Synod and Ministerium of the German Ev. Lutheran Synod of Ohio, held in Lancaster, A. D. 1836.

ATTEST, J. WAGENHALS,
Secretary of the Ministerium.

APPENDIX.

The committee appointed by the Eastern District of the Ohio Synod at its last Session in New Lisbon, to report a Constitution for an Education Society to be organized at this meeting of the Ohio Synod, having taken the same into consideration, would beg leave to report.

Your committee in presenting the annexed form of a Constitution for the consideration of this Synod, as the result of their deliberations, would respectfully request your attention to a few general remarks. It cannot but be evident to the mind of every member of this Synod, that a period has arrived in the history of the Evan. Lutheran Church, which calls for the most vigorous exertions in her behalf, on the part of all her members. Whilst the various churches of our country are more than ordinarily active in disseminating their doctrines, and extending their borders; and the most ardent anxiety is felt, and untiring exertions are made by them, to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom and promote the salvation of souls, it surely would be reproachful to us, as members of the mother church of Protestantism, to be found lagging in the rear. The inducements to active effort derive additional force from the consideration, that emigration from the Northern, Eastern and Southern States, and from Europe, has scattered a vast number of members of our church over the extensive Territory of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, &c., who are anxiously imploring ministerial aid, and who could easily be organized into flourishing congregations, if ministers could be obtained to visit and locate among them. The borders of our church in these new States, might be indefinitely extended, and her interests be promoted in an incalculable degree, if the requisite means and instruments were at hand; whilst on the contrary, if something be not speedily done, the opportunity may pass away never to return; and those who now still regard themselves as our brethren, and look to us for help, will be dispersed beyond the possibility of gathering them; either by attaching themselves to other churches, or by being engulphed in the destructive jaws of infidelity or popery. Surely it is painful to contemplate such a contingency, and the necessity of doing something vigorously and efficiently, to prevent a calamity so much to be deplored, must suggest itself to every mind. In

looking around to ascertain the most efficient mode of supplying the vast destitution in our church, and retaining in her bosom the dispersed and long neglected members of our communion who reside in great numbers in the newly settled portions of this vast western valley; and thus too of occupying advantageously, a large field, capable of great improvement, and presenting facilities for extending beyond definition, the borders of our church; the necessity of having a larger number of ministers of the Gospel, immediately arrests our attention. With no more than the present number of ministers it is utterly impossible to do any thing efficiently for the extension of our church. Nearly all our ministers in the west, act in their own sphere upon a scale of personal operation, already by far too extensive for the accomplishment of the greatest amount of good. Their congregations are already too numerous, and too widely separated, to permit them even to think of taking charge of more; and a settled minister, leaving his congregations to labor in the new States of Indiana, Illinois, &c., causes a vacancy at home which is often difficult to be supplied. It is therefore plain and obvious that to act efficiently, we must have a large increase of the number of faithful and devoted ministers of the Gospel, to go to the destitute, to collect the scattered members of our church, to organize them into congregations, to instruct them in the doctrines and duties of christianity; to visit them with the consolations of the Gospel here, and prepare them for the enjoyment of everlasting happiness hereafter. Had we a clergyman for every county in these new States, and means for a while to support him there, your committee have no doubt, but that flourishing congregations could almost every where be organized, for Germans and descendants of Germans—members of the Ev. Lutheran Church, or attached to her communion, are almost every where to be found. If therefore we love our church and wish her to flourish, as no doubt we all fervently do, we must take vigorous measures to increase the number of our ministers. Your committee can think of no plan to effect this object, promising complete success, but this one:—that we should now organize a Parent Education Society, and each minister make it a conscientious duty to organize auxilliary societies in all his congregations, for the purpose of raising funds, to educate and prepare pious and indigent young men for the Gospel Ministry. We as a church maintain not only the propriety, but the necessity of an educated ministry—men of whom we need not be ashamed—men of theological and literary ability, qualified to defend and maintain the truth, in opposition to the efforts of infidelity, popery, and error of every kind And such men, and none other can be expected to succeed in a new country inhabited by natives of almost every State in the Union, and from almost every nation of Europe, presenting a heterogeneous mass of population, effervescing and frothing forth every erroneous opinion and infidel absurdity, ever engendered in the unsettled brain of man. With such materials is a minister of the Gospel to work in the West, and such opinions, and such scepticism must he almost continually combat and remove out of his way to succeed; and in view of this will any other than an educated ministry suffice?—will any other than a thorough theological preparation meet an emergency such as this? We presume however that none will dispute this position. The only question then that remains is, how can we train up and prepare an adequate number

of men for this important work? It is notorious that young men of wealth, who are in circumstances themselves, to defray the expenses incident to their own education, can very seldom be induced to enter the ministerial ranks. The remuneration for clerical services in our churches, is so meagre and so entirely inadequate, that young men who dread the idea of struggling with poverty all their lives, and have the means already at hand to place them in easy or independent circumstances, by pursuing some temporal avocation or profession, very rarely submit to the self-denial which the Gospel ministry imposes. If therefore our ministerial ranks are ever to be enlarged and increased to the extent required, they must be taken from the poorer classes of the community. And it is most usually found to be true, that ministers taken from this class are the most efficient, burn with a holier and more fervent zeal for the welfare of souls, and act more vigorously and successfully in promoting the prosperity of the church. But how are they to receive the requisite education? They are in indigent circumstances, and by dint of daily manual labour and persevering application in some worldly calling, they are barely enabled to support themselves in life, and the expenses necessary to enable them to promote their studies at our Theological Seminary for three or more years, effectually prevents them from consecrating themselves to God and his Gospel in the holy ministry. The path of duty then for the church to pursue is plain. *Societies must be organized and funds collected to assist pious indigent young men to qualify themselves for the important work of labouring in the cause of Christ.* This being convincingly impressed on the minds of the members of the Eastern District of the Ohio Synod, they resolved at their last session, at New Lisbon to commence operations forthwith. It was resolved to organize auxilliary societies in our congregations, and many are therefore already organized. But as it was desirable to have the aid and co-operation of the wisdom and action of the whole Synod of Ohio, the complete and final organization of the parent society, was deferred to this meeting of the Synod, and the undersigned appointed a committee to draft a form of a Constitution, and report to this Synod. In accordance with this appointment we present the annexed form for your consideration and revisal. Your committee would only yet express the hope that this Synod will enter heartily and unanimously into the measure, that all our ministers will feel that upon themselves depends the successful application of the lever, that will move decisively the destiny of our beloved church, and that all our congregations will respond cheerfully to the call about to be made upon their liberality; and that all will raise their united petitions to Him who is the great Head of the church, and "pray for the peace of Jerusalem."

E. GREENWALD,
Committee.

Constitution of the "Ohio Education Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church."

Article 1. This Society shall be called the "Ohio Education Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church."

Art. 2. The object of this Society shall be to educate pious indigent young men for the Gospel ministry, in the Theological Seminary at Columbus, Ohio.

Art. 3. Any person can be a member of this Society by signing this Constitution and paying annually to the Treasurer, the sum of one dollar.

Art. 4 The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and seven Directors, who shall constitute a Board of Managers, to be elected triennially and continue in office till others shall be chosen in their stead.

Art. 5. The Board of Managers shall have the power of appropriating all monies for the support of beneficiaries, of examining and selecting candidates for patronage, of appointing examining committees, and generally of transacting all business necessary for the furtherance of the objects of this Society. The Board of Managers shall also keep a fair record of their proceedings and triennially make a report of their transactions to the Society. The Board of Managers shall meet annually, and three members of the Board shall form a quorum at any meeting regularly convened.

Art 6. Qualified applicants may be aided, in each stage of preparatory education for the ministry, but except in very singular cases, no applicant shall be assisted, even in the first stage, who shall not produce from serious and respectable characters, unequivocal testimonials of hopeful piety, promising talents, and real indigence; nor shall any person be continued on this foundation, whose instructor or instructors, except in very special cases, shall not annually exhibit to the Board of Managers satisfactory evidence, that in point of genius, diligence, literary progress, morals and piety, he is a proper character to receive aid from these sacred funds; in addition to which each beneficiary, after his admission into any institution, shall annually exhibit to the Board a written declaration that it continues to be his serious purpose to devote his life to the Gospel ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Art. 7. All beneficiaries assisted by this Society, shall give their solemn pledge to the Board of Managers to refund the sum, without interest, expended for their education, if they ever should be in circumstances so to do. And any person who has been assisted by this Society, and whose name shall be stricken from the list of beneficiaries, because of misconduct, or other deficiency in regard to the qualifications required by the Constitution and the rules of the Board, or who shall have concluded not to devote himself to the Gospel ministry, shall within a reasonable time, refund the sum expended in his behalf, with lawful interest whenever required by the Board of Managers.

Art. 8. The President and in his absence, the Vice President in concurrence with any one of the Directors shall have power to call special meetings of the Society.

At. 9. The Treasurer shall make payments and advances of the money in the Treasury from time to time agreeably to the orders of the

Board of Managers and annually render to the Board a written account of all receipts and expenditures within the year, and of the amount of the funds in his hands. He shall also give to the Board of Managers whenever they request it, a particular account of the state of the Treasury.

Art. 10. The Board of Managers shall triennially appoint three persons as an examining committee, who shall examine all applicants for aid, and without a satisfactory certificate from said examining committee, no applicant shall be aided by the funds of this Society.

Art. 11. The Treasurers of congregational Societies auxilliary to this Society shall pay over annually to the Treasurer of this Society whatever unappropriated funds may be in their hands. The terms of membership in the Auxilliary Societies shall be twenty-five cents annually, and they may appropriate their own funds should a suitable subject present himself; this point to be determined by the examining committee.

Art. 12. The Society shall meet at such time and place as the Ohio Synod holds its regular session, to elect officers, to hear the report of the Board of Managers and of the Treasurer, and to transact other necessary business.

Art. 13. At all meetings of the Society, seven members shall be requisite to constitute a quorum, and every meeting of the Society and of the Board of Managers shall be opened with prayer.

Art. 14. The Board of Managers shall have power to supply any vacancies that may occur in their own body or in the officers of the Society until the next meeting.

Art. 15. The Board of Managers shall adopt such by-laws and regulations as may be requisite to carry out the objects contemplated by the Society.

Art. 16. No alteration of this Constitution shall be made except on recommendation of the Board of Managers and by a vote of two thirds of the members present at a regular meeting of the Society.

All that were present subscribed themselves as members of this Society, amounting to thirty in number; and the following gentlemen were unanimously elected officers of the Education Society of the Ev. Lutheran Church, in Ohio.

A. HENKEL, *President.*
E. GREENWALD, *Vice President.*
J. WAGENHALS, *Secretary.*
M. NIGH, *Treasurer.*

M. J. Steck,
John Leist,
C. Heyl,
D. Krantz,
J. Manning,
Jacob Leist,
D. Rothacker,
} *Directors.*

Constitution of the Auxiliary Education Society, of the Ohio Education Society, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Article 1. The name of this Society shall be the Education Society auxilliary to the Ohio Education Society of the Evan. Lutheran Church.

Art. 2. The object of this Society shall be to educate indigent pious young men for the Gospel Ministry in the Theological Seminary at Columbus Ohio.

Art. 3. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer and six Directors to constitute a Board of Managers to be elected annually.

Art. 4. Any person can be a member of this Society by paying annually twenty-five cents into the hands of the Treasurer.

Art. 5. There shall be at least two meetings of this Society during the year to be held at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the Board of Managers.

Art. 6. The Treasurer of this Society shall annually pay to the Treasurer of the Parent Society, whatever unappropriated funds may be in his hands.

Art. 7 This Society shall have the right to appropriate its own funds should a suitable subject present himself, under the 10th and 11th articles of the Constitution of the Parent Society.

By the request of several Lay-Delegates, the following form of certificate, is subjoined:

We, the members of the congregations of the Rev. ——— hereby certify, that we have duly elected Mr. ——— to represent the aforesaid congregations, in the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Ohio, at its Session in ——— the ——— of ——— 183